

House Resolution 1056

By: Representatives Buckner of the 130th, Walker of the 107th, and Mosley of the 178th

A RESOLUTION

1 Urging the medical, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and other health related
2 schools in this state to include training on lymphedema prevention and treatment in the
3 required curriculum; and for other purposes.

4 WHEREAS, the World Health Organization cites lymphedema as the second leading cause
5 of disability in the world; and

6 WHEREAS, lymphedema is the swelling in the body resulting from an accumulation of fluid
7 in the tissue caused through a genetic condition or by a disruption in the lymphatic system's
8 ability to clean and filter lymph fluid in the body; and

9 WHEREAS, lymphedema can occur at any time in a person's life after an initial injury to the
10 lymphatic system and if it is not treated properly, it can progress and cause a high risk of
11 infection, can result in expensive hospitalizations and antibiotic treatments, and can cause
12 disabling or even fatal conditions; and

13 WHEREAS, lymphedema is a chronic condition requiring lifelong management, and proper
14 treatment can increase the patient's quality of life; and

15 WHEREAS, increased awareness and knowledge of lymphedema by trained medical
16 personnel can help minimize the effects of the condition and improve the quality of life of
17 the patients.

18 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
19 all medical, nursing, occupational therapy, physical therapy, and other health related schools
20 in this state are strongly urged to include training on lymphedema prevention and treatment
21 in the required curriculum.

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
2 and directed to transmit appropriate copies of this resolution to the medical, nursing,
3 occupational therapy, physical therapy, and other health related schools in this state.